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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/549,848
Filed: April 14, 2000
Title: **Nucleic Acid Sequences to Proteins Involved in
Tocopherol Synthesis**
Inventors: Michael LASSNER *et al.*
Our Ref: 16516.105

Sir:

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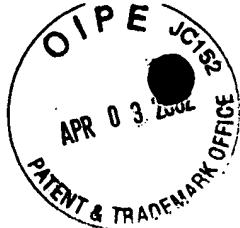
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2002, (Paper No. 19), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please **delete** the paragraph on page 5, lines 6-9 of the specification and **replace** it with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 25 provides a bar graph of HPLC analysis of seed extracts from *Arabidopsis* plants transformed with pCGN10803 (35S-ATPT2, in the antisense orientation), pCGN10802 (line 1625, napin ATPT2 in the sense orientation), pCGN10809 (line 1627, 35S-ATPT3 in the sense orientation), a nontransformed (wt) control, and an empty vector transformed control.

Please **delete** the paragraph on page 42, lines 10-11 of the specification and **replace** it with the following amended paragraph:

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